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In re Application of  
Charles Maling  
Application No. 10/804,962  
Filed: March 19, 2004  
Attorney Docket No. 3052/1

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: DECISION ON PETITION  
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This is a decision on the petition to make special filed on concurrently with the application. The petition to make special is based upon the enhancement of environmental quality (MPEP § 708.02(v)) and upon the development and conservation of energy resources (MPEP § 708.02(VI)). No petition fee is required.

The petition is granted.

A review of the petition shows that all of the requirements established in MPEP § 708.02(V) have been satisfied. Specifically, the second paragraph on page 2 of the petition is deemed to be a statement explaining how the invention relates to the enhancement of the quality of the environment through the maintenance of the quality of the air. Therefore, petitioner is entitled to have this application handled special in accordance with MPEP § 708.02, subsection styled "Handling of Petitions to Make Special".

Accordingly, the examiner will treat this application as special throughout its prosecution. Prior to the first action on the merits, the examiner will conduct a rigorous search for potentially interfering applications. The interference search will be brought up to date prior to each successive action.

The Supervisory Patent Examiner of Patent Examining Art Unit 3747 is being advised of the granting of the instant petition, and will in turn advise the examiner to whom the application is assigned of the special status of this application and the need for action consistent with this Decision.

PETITION GRANTED.

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